

Barra del Tordo

Barro del Tordo is an area of deciduous and tropical forest along the San Rafael River in Tamaulipas, Mexico. The lush tropical forest hosts several species of threatened parrots, and serves as prime wintering and migration habitat for neotropical birds.

LOCATION: Barra del Tordo is 432 km (270 miles) south of Brownsville, Texas, via Mexico 180, in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas.

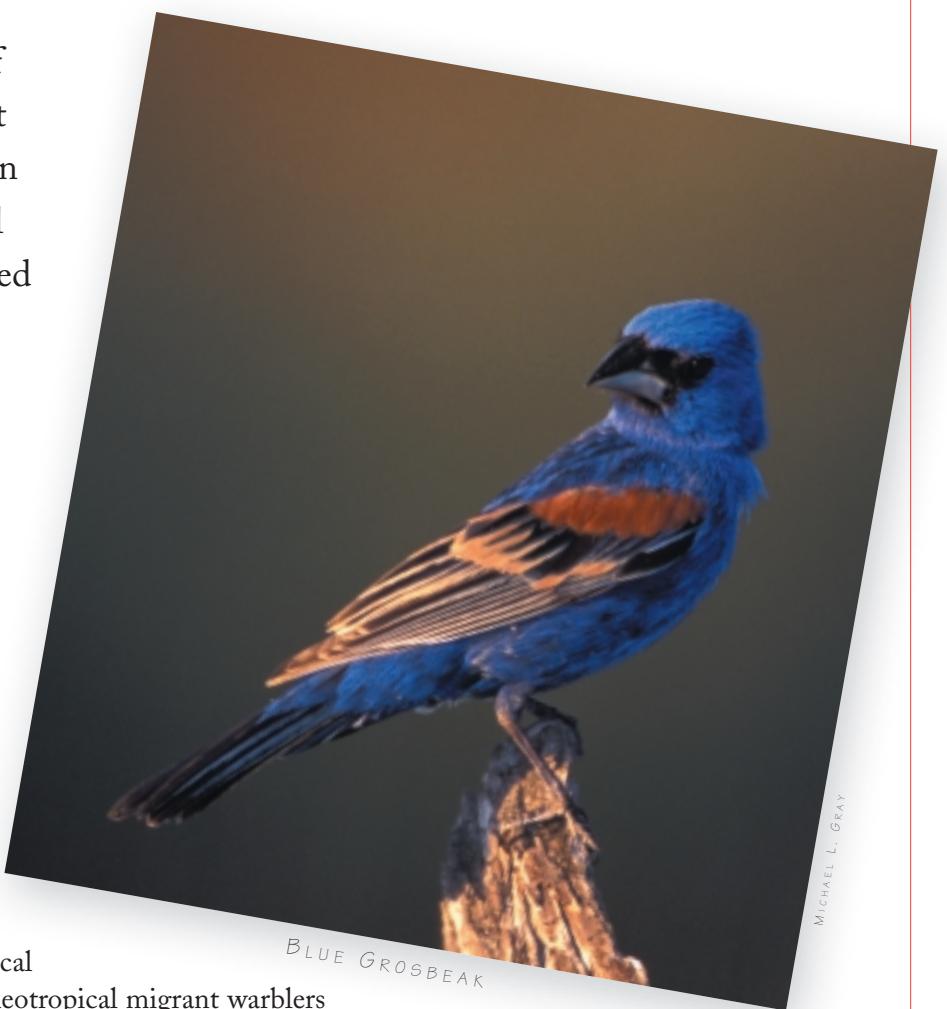
SIZE: 6,652 ha (16,426 acres)

HABITAT: The area is a wide mixture of tropical deciduous forest, scrubland, pasture, beaches, and marshland. The forest begins upstream from the heavily grazed coastal plain.

BIRDS: In addition to the many colorful tropical resident species present, twenty-four species of neotropical migrant warblers have been recorded. This indicates the importance of Barra del Tordo as a wintering and stopover point for neotropical migrants. Over 220 species of birds have been recorded in the winter, a majority of which are neotropical migrants.

CONSERVATION: The area is used heavily for cattle ranching, and forest clearing for housing is a problem in Mexico. The protected areas around the lodge El Paraiso, upstream from town, are privately owned, and depend completely on ecotourism for their preservation. Pronatura's conservation efforts in this region are focused on working

with private landowners on best management practices for ranching, and on monitoring changes in bird populations.



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